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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANIEL L. BEARDSLEY, JR., ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 42 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE
RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Craven, McEntee, Lima, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 18, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For the past twenty-seven years, Dan Beardsley has served as the Executive
2 Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, tirelessly and effectively guiding and
3 advocating for the state's 39 municipalities with wisdom, foresight, and consummate skill; and

4 WHEREAS, The League's fundamental role and primary mission is legislative advocacy
5 of the collective interests of its membership. Since joining the League's staff in 1974, Mr.
6 Beardsley has been the face and chief legislative lobbyist of the Rhode Island League of Cities
7 and Towns at the State House, juggling the interests of the state's diverse municipalities while
8 protecting the taxpayers of the state. He also serves as the League's advocate on some twenty-six
9 boards and commissions; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Beardsley attained his Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and his
11 Master's degree in Public Administration. Prior to joining the staff of the League, while still
12 attending graduate school, he was appointed to serve as deputy administrator of a federally-
13 funded program designed to improve personnel management for local governments. Within six
14 months, he was named Director, a position he held until joining the League; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1990, while serving as Executive Director, Mr. Beardsley proposed the
16 creation of an intergovernmental risk-sharing pool to provide workers' compensation and
17 property/liability insurance to school departments and local governments. Currently, 82 percent
18 of Rhode Island's school districts and 89 percent of its political subdivisions utilize that program
19 in order to obtain their insurance coverage; and

1 WHEREAS, The League's experience in the creation of this intergovernmental insurance
2 pool served as a blueprint for the eventual creation of the R.I. Energy Aggregation Program in
3 July of 1999; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities with the League, Mr. Beardsley has served
5 as an adjunct professor of collective bargaining and public sector labor relations at Bryant
6 University; and

7 WHEREAS, Under Mr. Beardsley's diligent leadership, the Rhode Island League of
8 Cities and Towns has functioned as a guiding force for the economic well-being of our
9 communities, and he will most surely be missed and impossible to replace; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby honors and recognizes Daniel Beardsley on the occasion of his
12 retirement. We moreover acknowledge the enormous contributions he has made to improving the
13 vitality of Rhode Island's 39 municipalities and extend our collective thanks and wish him the
14 very best of health and continued success; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Daniel L. Beardsley, Jr.

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